

MD. SUBURBS PUSHING PLAN FORD C. WATER

Extension of Mains to Montgomery and Prince George's Counties Strongly Urged.

SEWER WORK AUTHORIZED

Authorities Arranging to Carry Out Law Recently Enacted. Would Eliminate Pollution.

Extension of District water and sewer mains to the 102 square miles of Maryland territory in Montgomery and Prince George's counties immediately adjacent to the District, is planned by the authorities of both jurisdictions, it was learned today.

The project ultimately will mean the abandonment of the water and sewer systems of practically all of the Maryland communities suburban to this city, which are included in the area incorporated by the last Maryland legislature and known as the Washington Suburban Sanitary District.

BUILDING LARGE SEWERS.

The District sewers now under construction are being built sufficiently large to accommodate the sewage from the area in question, which includes the municipalities of Takoma Park, Kensington, Forest Glen, and Silver Spring in Montgomery, and Hyattsville, Mt. Rainier, and Bladensburg in Prince George's county.

The Washington suburban sanitary district extends as far as Bradley Hills, Garrett Park, Edgewood, Wheaton, and Burnt Mills in Montgomery, and Bethesda, Branchville, and Lanham in Prince George's.

The present population of the area is considerably in excess of 200,000, and it is estimated that the present rate of increase continues the area will have a population of 300,000 by 1930.

Will Eliminate Pollution.

In addition to insuring efficient water service for the communities in Maryland, whose supplies now are declared to be hopelessly inadequate, the project will eliminate the pollution of the streams flowing from the area into the District, experts declare.

This pollution is recognized as a rapidly growing menace to the health of the District and for this reason the District authorities are taking an active interest in the problem.

Frequent conferences have been held between the District sewer and water departments, Robert B. Morse, the engineer of the Maryland State board of health, and the members of the Washington suburban sanitary commission, which body was created by the last Maryland legislature and given authority to study water and drainage conditions in the two counties and report on needed legislation at the next session.

The members of the Washington suburban sanitary commission are William T. B. Curtis, of Chevy Chase; J. William Bogley, of Friendship Heights, and T. Howard Duckett, of Bladensburg.

Authorized by Congress.

Connection with the District sewer system was authorized by Congress at its last session, the District Commissioners being empowered to enter into reciprocal arrangements with the Maryland authorities for a joint use of the District sewers.

Engineer Commissioner Kutz strongly urged the passage of the measure before the Senate.

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Bread Goes Up to 6 Cents in Chicago

Bakers, at Secret Meeting, "Consent" to Raise Price. Federal Inquiry Promised.

CHICAGO, Sept. 24.—Representatives of the 1,300 members of the Master Bakers' Association, comprising the smaller bakers in Chicago and environs, held a secret meeting late last night in the Schiller building, and "consented" to raise the price of the present 5-cent loaf to 6 cents. The nickel loaf will disappear from the Chicago market before the end of the week, according to present plans.

The increase will be the subject of an immediate inquiry by the Federal Government. Federal District Attorney Charles Clynne was informed of the action of the bakers at his home in Aurora this morning. He announced he would come to his office in the Federal building this afternoon, and lay plans for a sweeping investigation with a view to discovering whether the price raising is the result of an illegal combination.

B. H. Dahlheimer, president of the Master Bakers, acted as spokesman for the organization in announcing its action. He declared no agreement had been made; that the increase is optional with the individual members, and added that "no one, however, opposed the project of higher prices."

German Ship Blown To Sea; Is Captured

British Patrol Nabs Interned Liner

Broken From Moorings

by Gale.

GALVESTON, Tex., Sept. 24.—The German steamer Assuan, which had been interned in Las Palmas since the beginning of the European war, broke from her moorings in an offshore gale August 1, drifted outside the three-mile limit, and was pounced upon by an eager flock of British cruisers and destroyers.

Report of the capture was brought here by Captain Jacobson, of the Norwegian steamer Salonica.

Jacobson said he personally witnessed the unusual capture. The Assuan, he said, was a Kosmos liner of 2,051 tons, she had been without steam in her boilers since her internment, and the gale was so strong that the crew had no time to make any headway before she was surrounded by the British warships.

Las Palmas is in the Canary Islands. The Salonica had touched at several points in the Caribbean before reaching port, which accounts for the delay in announcement of the capture of the Assuan.

VILLA BANDITS RAID MINES IN CHIHUAHUA

Outlaw Leader Adds to Supplies Before Attempting Another Bold Stroke.

EL PASO, Tex., Sept. 24.—Renewed raids by bandits in western Chihuahua indicated Francisco Villa is adding to his supplies and munitions before attempting another attack against Chihuahua City were reported today by arrivals from the affected district.

They told of a band of Mexicans attempting to destroy an American owned mine at Ocampo, Chihuahua, after looting the mine buildings and burning the mine shaft. The raid was witnessed by the American caretaker, who, on the approach of the bandits, had seized some supplies and hidden in the nearby hills. After burning the shaft timber, the bandits looked down into the shaft and saw a stream of melted gold. One of the bandits then fired a shot. Then a third and fourth went down and stayed.

Bandits Abandon Loot.

The rest of the band, according to the report, lost their loot, even the gold, rode away with such loot as they secured. When the smoke cleared from the mine the caretaker saw the bodies of the four bandits floating in the water at the bottom. They had been overcome by carbonic gases.

After the presence of bandits in the Ocampo district means Villa has withdrawn from the vicinity of Chihuahua City is not definitely known. A high officer of the American army received information that Villa was northwest of Chihuahua City, presumably coming toward the American border, and this was borne out by warning given by Mexican agents to the Mexicans as Villa agents to the Mexicans.

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'Leak' Deemed Due To 'Inadvertence'

Baker Has Findings on Disclosure of Funston Recommendation.

Secretary of War Baker has before him today the report of the board of general officers of the army which investigated the "leak" in the War Department responsible for publication of General Funston's confidential recommendation for withdrawal of General Pershing's army from Mexico.

The investigating board's findings were withheld from the public, but it is understood to have held that the report reached the public through inadvertence, and not because any "leak" existed in the department. Judge Advocate General Crowder and Adjutant General McCain headed the investigating board.

Although considered the greatest embarrassment at the time of its publication, the Funston recommendations have lost much of their weight in view of the more recent report of Gen. George Bell, concerning Villa's attack on Chihuahua City.

General Funston would make a different recommendation if called upon for his views today, army officers say.

ENGLAND DELAYS AID TO PALESTINE

Makes Condition Which Turkey Must Pass Upon.

Plans of the State Department to send supplies of drugs and medicines to Palestine for relief of Hebrew refugees have been temporarily delayed by the fact that the British government has given its permission for the shipment to a condition which requires payment with conditions attached.

The conditions are that the United States should send with the drugs shipment a consignment of food and clothing which the British government desires to send to British Indian troops in Turkish prison camps. The cruiser Des Moines, with the Palestine shipment, is scheduled to leave at Alexandria, Egypt, while the State Department submits the British counter proposal to the Turkish government.

Baptists Stirred at Ban On Revivals at Border

SAN ANTONIO, Sept. 24.—Baptists of Texas are stirred over Funston's proclamation against them holding revivals in the camps along the Rio Grande.

Since Dr. J. B. Gambrell, a leading Baptist, has threatened to carry the matter to the President if necessary, it is expected some action may develop this week, as Funston expressed determination to stand by his edict.

PLANT FOR CITY BADGER GAME DAIRY HERE IS 'LUKE,' GRILLED, GAINING FORCE BREAKS DOWN

Movers Desire to Show Co-operative Plant Would Be Economically Possible.

SUBSCRIBING TO FUND NOW

Next Step in Campaign Will Be Extension of Membership.

The movement for a municipal or co-operatively owned dairy for the District of Columbia, put under way at a meeting of the Maryland and Virginia Milk Producers' Association yesterday, gained considerable momentum last night.

One of the outstanding features was the pledge of several men who were unable to attend the meeting, to make contributions to a campaign fund for urging the new methods of milk distribution.

A promise of \$250, in addition to his assessment, was received from Westmoreland Davis, a large milk producer, who was unable to attend the meeting. Several other similar offers were made, and it is thought likely by the officials of the Milk Producers' Association that a fund large enough to prosecute the campaign vigorously will be forthcoming shortly.

The next step in the campaign will be an extension of membership of the association.

It is planned to make a national demonstration of the fact that a municipal dairy is economically possible and profitable for both the public and the producer, and that it is a long step toward the solution of the problem of milk distribution, which has been vexing dairymen and public for years.

The Board of Commissioners of the District of Columbia, has not yet taken any action on the recommendations of the committee of seven. It is understood the Commissioners are following the movement closely, and intend to make some statement on its aims and possibilities soon.

The executive committee of the producers' association will meet Wednesday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock, when it will take up the organization and finances of the campaign.

BOSTON MAN AND WIFE LOST IN WOODS

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Dennison Missing From New Hampshire Resort Four Days.

COLEBROOK, N. H., Sept. 24.—Four hundred men are beating the forest to the north and east of the Balsams, at Dixville Notch, in the effort to find some trace of Joseph A. Dennison, formerly district attorney of Boston, and his wife, Helen, who left the hotel for a walk in the woods late Wednesday afternoon. They were last seen a hundred yards from the hotel on the trail leading through the woods to Mud pond, two and one-half miles distant.

The absence of Mr. and Mrs. Dennison was not noticed until Thursday evening, when, following repeated efforts to deliver some telegrams, it was disclosed that they had not occupied their room on Wednesday night. The hotel manager, following the report, sent a chauffeur had tried to locate them Thursday afternoon, but was not concerned when told they could not be found by the hotel, as they often went out for the afternoon, and the maid, supposing they had gone into Camp Mill, a few miles distant, but connected with the hotel, had failed to report their absence.

The first searching party went out on Thursday morning, and the second party of Henry S. Hale's twenty farms in East Colebrook and every one available from the Balsams went out to beat the woods in all directions. This force was increased by more than 200 men from Colebrook later.

There is a rumor that four people are feared as Mr. Dennison had appeared worried over a criminal case in which he was to appear as counsel and some persons believe that the couple have been abducted or murdered. The lakes and ponds in the vicinity have been dragged without success. Those familiar with the woods, which are deep and afford little or no aid to human subsistence, express fears for their safety.

Daniel H. Cookley, Boston lawyer, who is a brother of Mrs. Dennison, is here, and last night left at the head of a searching party. He has offered \$1,000 reward for the couple which will prove they are alive.

Ask Why Texans Crossed Border

Punishment May Follow Raid of Texas Cavalry Squadron.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Sept. 24.—Military authorities here are anxious to learn the reason for a patrol of Troop B, Texas cavalry squadron, crossing into Mexico Friday, at which time Mexicans fired on the Americans, killing a horse.

Col. J. A. Gaston, at Marfa, Tex., reported the bare occurrence to General Funston. It is believed the Americans crossed in pursuit of cattle thieves, but if the passage was made without good reason the troops will be punished, Funston states.

Mrs. Helen Evers Gives Valuable Details of Operations to Chicago Prosecutor.

QUESTIONED FOR FIVE HOURS

Her Attorney Tries in Vain to Have the Inquisitors Arrested.

CHICAGO, Sept. 24.—Mrs. Helen Evers, known as the "lure" of the alleged blackmail syndicate, has informed her attorney, Charles Erbelein, she was forced to make a confession of several valuable details after an all night's grilling in the State's attorney's office by Assistant State's Attorney Dwight McKay.

Charging that the detectives and assistant attorneys broke the State law by obtaining Mrs. Evers' confession under duress, Attorney Erbelein applied to Judge La Buy, of the South Clark street police court, for warrants for the arrest of all persons connected with the alleged grilling.

He asked authority to arrest State's Attorney MacLay Hoyne, two of his assistants, two detective sergeants attached to his office, his stenographer, and the matron of the South Clark street woman's annex.

Refuses to Issue Warrants.

Judge La Buy refused to issue the warrants until he investigated. Stephen Malato, acting for State's Attorney Hoyne, was present at the argument and a wordy tilt ensued between him and Erbelein, the former charging malice. Erbelein urged Judge La Buy to issue the warrants if he intended to comply with the law.

"The State's attorney and his men don't deny they subjected Mrs. Evers to questioning that would make the Spanish inquisition look like a vaudeville show," he charged. "They sent her home in a taxicab at 4 a. m., and she had to pledge her wedding ring to get a bed in which to rest her exhausted body. I understand now why Justice La Buy refused to issue the warrants. It is your duty to issue the warrants."

Justice Erbelein wrote out another set of warrants and took them to Judge Newcomer in the municipal court. Judge Newcomer said he was very busy and was questioning that would make the Spanish inquisition look like a vaudeville show. He was next visited, and presented with Attorney Erbelein's version of the incident. Justice La Buy said: "That law was made to save people from being subjected to the third degree."

Justice Olsen ordered Judge La Buy to hear the full testimony of Mrs. Evers. He announced he might act with Justice La Buy. Attorney Erbelein declared he would sue for the warrants.

Taken From Cafe.

Mrs. Evers said she was sitting in a cafe at 216 Cottage Grove avenue with the "Waco Kid" and his wife when the detectives came to the door, called her out and arrested her. Willard Powell, formerly district attorney of Boston, and his wife, Helen, who left the hotel for a walk in the woods late Wednesday afternoon. They were last seen a hundred yards from the hotel on the trail leading through the woods to Mud pond, two and one-half miles distant.

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U. S. Starts Probe Of Coal Situation

Federal Trade Commission Investigates High Prices, Wastage, and Charge of Combination.

Following Congressional discussions of the high price of coal, and allegations that wastage exists in present mining methods, the Federal Trade Commission has started an inquiry into the entire coal situation.

Among the facts which the commission will try to determine are these: Is unfair competition practiced on a large scale, and if so what is the remedy? Are the charges true that operators are hoarding stock of the available coal and wasting more than 100,000,000 tons a year? Do present processes tend to bring about an unwarranted increase in the price of coal? Are present high prices the outgrowth of natural conditions or are they the result of combinations to force high prices?

Harvest Hands at Eighty.

DODGE CITY, Kan., Sept. 24.—Ford county can lay claim to the two oldest harvest hands in the State.

H. M. Speer has just finished his harvest, and his father, eighty-six years old, did all the stacking. A brother, eighty-two years old, worked all through the harvest.

DIRECTING WAR TOGETHER ON EAST FRONT



KAISER WILHELM and GENERAL VON HINDENBURG.

AIR RAIDERS LOSE AUSTRIA TURNS FOE ZEPPELIN IN BRITAIN IN TRANSYLVANIA

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LONDON, Sept. 24.—Zeppelins raided the outskirts of London and Coos northeast and southeast of the city for the second time within three weeks at midnight, and for the second time one of the attacking airships was shot down, falling in a mass of flames.

The stricken Zeppelin first showed as a small red spark in the sky. In a few seconds it had become a huge mass of flames. It fell from horizon to a vertical position and then dived to the earth in a flaming meteor.

The Zeppelin which was brought down fell in southern Essex county. A second air cruiser is reported to have been brought to earth, but at the time General French, commanding the home forces, made his statement of the raid, this was not officially claimed.

A number of hostile airships attacked Lincolnshire, the eastern counties, and the outskirts of London. The latter attack being from the northeast and southeast, the statement from General French declared that the raid was a very difficult one for the movement of troops, especially artillery. Full of high mountains, with narrow valleys between, the task of penetrating it is very like that of the Italians on their northern front.

Referring to fighting in this section, the Austrian official statement says: "The angle formed by the Danube and the enemy. Near Hermannstadt, an attack by two Roumanian divisions was repulsed. Three officers and 562 men were made prisoners. South of Holmsen the enemy forced our advance guard to fall back somewhat. In the angle formed by the three states Bukovina, Hungary, and Roumania, south of Dorna Watra, we drove back Roumanian detachments by counter attacks."

In the Dobruja once more the Roumanian and Russian troops are on the offensive and are driving Mackensen's army back toward the Bulgarian border.

By smashing at the flanks of the enemy—one along the Danube and the other resting on the Black Sea coast—the allied forces are forcing his whole line to retreat.

Official reports lead observers here to believe that the retreat of the Bulgarians along the southern bank of the Danube almost has been turned into a rout. Silistria has already been abandoned.

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Confer to Lighten Mail Censorship

J. P. Morgan Said to Have Arranged Conferences in New York.

Sir Richard Crawford, trade adviser of the British embassy, left today for New York for conferences with the nation's leading bankers and exporters to arrange ways and means of lightening the burden of the British mail censorship.

The conferences will be held after a luncheon at the Bankers' Club in New York tomorrow.

J. P. Morgan, fiscal agent for the allies, is understood to have arranged details for the conferences at New York. Mr. Morgan was in Washington last week.

The State Department has no part in the informal negotiations under way for alleviation of mail restrictions. Secretary Lansing now is awaiting a reply from the British government to this Government's last protest on mail seizures and censorship. Since it is assailing the principal involved in the censorship the United States Government cannot consistently take official cognizance of any steps to change the method of applying that principle. The mail reply is expected next week.

ALLIES CLOSE IN ON COMBLES ON ALL SIDES

British and French Both Hack at German Wedge on Somme Front.

AERIAL FIGHTS INCESSANT

Germans Make Futile Attempts to Push Back Foes' Steadily Advancing Lines.

LONDON, Sept. 24.—Operating chiefly on the northern front from Thiepval to Fiers, the British under General Haig won a half-mile line east of Courcellette today, tightening their grip on the Albert-Bapaume road.

This brings them nearer Le Sars and gives them possession of more high ground skirting the Bapaume plateau.

Combles still remains in the hands of the Teutons and until this village falls the Germans will hold a sharp wedge in the enemy's line.

The French are closing in on Combles from three sides, while the British are ready to move forward on a fourth. French patrols have reached the borders of the village on both the south and the east, while on the west they can push forward easily from Leusee wood and Fallemont farm.

COUNTER BLOWS FAIL.

The Germans made several futile attempts today to drive back the allied lines in counter attacks.

On both banks of the Somme the airmen have been engaged in almost incessant combat. The allied planes are flying hourly over the German line, gauging the strength of the enemy's positions and destroying ammunition depots and fortified posts.

"South of the Ancre we continued to improve our positions. During a bombardment by our artillery of one section of the enemy's front line hostile gun pits were seen to be destroyed, fourteen others severely damaged and five ammunition pits blown up."

"A big fire was caused by our artillery in a village much used by the enemy's transport and supply purposes. According to the Berlin official statement of conditions in the western theater, after a continually increasing artillery fire north of the Somme, the French attacked Comblès-Rancourt line without success. The British, who attempted to advance near Courcellette, were likewise unsuccessful."

PORTUGUESE INVADE GERMAN EAST AFRICA

Natives Accept Change Willingly. Lisbon Reports.

LISBON, Sept. 24.—An official statement issued by the war office reports an extensive invasion of German East Africa by Portuguese troops.

The statement follows: "After the passage of the Rovuma river our columns advanced eight miles and occupied Miboa. The left column seized Katibus and the Prussian barracks and then proceeded toward Nacoco. The columns on the center and right marching toward the Migomba depot reached Taketo, on Rovuma bay. The enemy retreated in the direction of Sasawara, west of Lindi. The natives willingly accepted Portuguese domination."

Holland Will Protest Packet Boat Seizure

THE HAGUE, Sept. 23.—Capture of the Dutch steamer Prins Hendrik by German warships and the forcible removal of some of her passengers, bringing an immediate protest from the Dutch government. It was understood here tonight.

The Prins Hendrik, a packet liner in service between English ports and Flushing, was captured by the Germans in the North sea and taken into Zebrugge with her eighty passengers, many of whom were Englishmen.

Dispatches received here tonight said the Prins Hendrik had been released, but thirty-four passengers, presumably those of English nationality, had been detained. The Dutch government will order the steamer's commander to make an immediate report.

DIDN'T AIM AT WIFE, SPANNELL NOW SAYS

SAN ANGELO, Tex., Sept. 24.—Harry G. Spannell, who killed his wife and Col. Calvin Butler, at Alpine, the night of July 20, now declares the shooting of his wife was accidental.

"I shot at Butler and she got in my line of fire," he said.

He refused to add to this statement other than to say he was sorry his wife was killed.

Spannell was brought here after obtaining a change of venue to this judicial district on the grounds he could not obtain an impartial jury trial in Alpine. He will remain in the county jail until court convenes in December.